

Claims

1. Method for adding information to a timer for a video recording device, wherein said timer specifies details necessary to record a video program, **characterized in**
- 5       - recording a video program due to a recurring timer (12);
- extracting (3) additional information from the video signal, the additional information being received
- 10       simultaneously with the video program;
- detecting (6) if said additional information contains a specified information regarding said video program;
- extracting (6) said specified information from said additional information;
- 15       - associating said specified information with current or future instances of the recurring timer; and
- displaying a list of timers with said associated information.
- 20       2. Method according to claim 1, wherein said specified information is the program title of the video program being recorded.
3. Method according to claim 1 or 2, wherein the specified
- 25       information is only inserted to those instances of said recurring timer that do not have said specified information already inserted.
4. Method according to claim 1 or 2, wherein the specified
- 30       information is inserted to all instances of said recurring timer.

5. Method according to any of claims 1-4, wherein said additional information is extracted from a vertical blanking interval of an analogue video signal.

5 6. Method according to claim 5, wherein said specified information is extracted from line 21 of the vertical blanking interval of an NTSC signal.

10 7. Apparatus for setting up a timer in a video recording device **characterized by**  
- means for recording a video program due to a recurring timer (12);  
- means (3) for extracting additional information from the video signal, said additional information being  
15 received simultaneously with the video program;  
- means (6) for detecting if said additional information contains a specified information regarding said video program, the specified information being displayable in a list of timers;  
20 - means (6) for extracting said specified information from said additional information; and  
- means for inserting said specified information to current or future instances of the recurring timer.

25 8. Apparatus according to claim 7, further specified by extracting said additional information from a vertical blanking interval of an analogue video signal.

30 9. Apparatus according to any of claims 7-8, further specified by extracting said specified information from line 21 of the vertical blanking interval of an NTSC signal.